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The following report was obtained before Marius Moutet was replaced by Paul Bechard as Minister of Overseas France in the 22 October 1947 reshuffling of the Ramadier Cabinet.

1. [REDACTED] a plan was made under the supervision of Marius Moutet, former Minister of Overseas France, to dissolve the Ho Chi Minh delegation in Paris, presided over by Tran Ngoc Danh.
2. This action, long contemplated but delayed because of Moutet's alleged fear of Communists, is expected to be received favorably in view of the creation of the Cominform. To obtain the approval of the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Overseas France is preparing a case in which it will seek to prove that "the actions of the (Annamite) Delegation are intolerable", and that this Delegation can be dissolved by an administrative measure inasmuch as it has not been given official status and no judicial bounds prevent such an action.
3. According to a member of the Ministry, there is enough evidence for a judicial suit; however the Ministry prefers to avoid such action in order not to excite public opinion. The appeal to the Council of Ministers will be supported by lists of "civil and military murders", source says, and extracts from the Bulletin of the Delegation, published in French. An ordinance of 6 August 1944, forbidding propagation of false news and incitation to hatred, will be quoted to justify this action against the Delegation.

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